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## Board greenlights search for Lake Gregory Dam contractor

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The Board of Supervisors today moved rehabilitation of Lake Gregory Dam a step closer by unanimously approving a plan to seek construction bids from qualified contractors.

The request for proposals will be available through the County's Purchasing website at <http://wp.sbcountry.gov/purchasing/>. The County expects to select a contractor during the first quarter of 2018 and construction is expected to begin in late spring or early summer for completion in 2019.

"With the state only recently having approved the plan, the County is committed to selecting an experienced, qualified contractor to complete the project," said Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford. "We thank the Crestline community for its patience during this planning and construction process and look forward to preserving and promoting Lake Gregory for decades to come."

Safety improvements to the 80-year-old dam are being made to meet current earthquake safety standards. The state considers Lake Gregory Dam to be a "high hazard dam" due to the possibility that seismic activity could result in a breach that would have the potential to endanger people and wildlife and threaten the mountain economy.

Every effort is being made to minimize public inconvenience during the project. The lake's beaches and swimming areas will remain open during construction and continue to serve as major attractions to tourists and the local community.

For more information on the project, visit the project website at <http://web.abetterlakegregory.org/index.aspx?page=656>, where everyone interested in the lake can sign up to receive regular email updates on construction progress.